

Moving **FORWARD**

State of the
County 2015:

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BY THE BUDGET:

Tax Levy Cut

Property Tax Rebate

No New Taxes

Decrease in Spending

Stable Efficient Workforce

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2015 FOCUS:
COMMUNITY AND FAMILIES
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
GOVERNMENT SERVICES AND SAFETY



BY THE NUMBERS*

9,552

Face-to-Face and telephone interactions provided by the Mobile Crisis Intervention Team

3,652

Texting conversations with mental health specialists assisting those in crisis

223

Average number of inmates housed out each day with no access to services to address mental health or substance abuse needs

60%

of inmates suffer from mental health or substance abuse issues

1 in 5

College women are victims of sexual assault or attempted sexual assault

165,079

Emergency calls dispatched by Dutchess County 911 and the Dutchess County Sheriff's Office

** 2014 Statistics*

COMMUNITY & FAMILIES

We continue Moving Dutchess Forward with innovative programs and services that meet the needs of our residents today and in the future.

ENHANCING MENTAL HEALTH

Addressing mental health needs remains a critical priority for Dutchess County. We continue to enhance our mental health services with innovative, responsive services including: Dutchess County HELPLINE suicide prevention mobile app, adding the ability to connect with HELPLINE simply by texting "DMH" to 741 741, and having mental health programs available in schools as part of the school resource officer program.



Since it was launched in 2012, the Mobile Crisis Intervention Team has provided more than 22,000 services to those experiencing mental health crisis. Thanks to a new partnership with MidHudson Regional Hospital of the Westchester Medical Center, the team's services are expanding to 24/7 availability, with the goal of getting those with behavioral health issues connected with community based programs and services where they can be better served than in the emergency room.

While the total amount invested in Dutchess County's mental health services has increased since 2013, the actual cost to county taxpayers has been reduced by over \$4 million thanks to state funding secured by our state representatives.

THINK DIFFERENTLY

Through support of recreational accessibility projects like the Wappinger Challenger Field and Julie's Jungle, expanding disability awareness training for 911 dispatchers and first responders, and Anderson Center for Autism's "Autism Sensitive Environment" program for local businesses, we are working to ensure individuals of all abilities feel part of our community.

COORDINATED RESPONSE TO SUBSTANCE ABUSE EPIDEMIC

Dutchess County is investing \$6 million in 2015 to prevent and treat those dealing with substance abuse problems. Our coordinated response to this epidemic brings together our departments of Health, Mental Hygiene and Office for the Aging with community agencies including the Council on Addiction, Prevention & Education of Dutchess County. In 2014, 20 public forums were held to provide education and support while hundreds of first responders and families received Narcan training. In 2015, more training and forums are being scheduled including a forum at Red Hook High School on April 9th.

SEXUAL ASSAULT RESPONSE TEAM

National statistics regarding college campuses are disturbing: 1 in 5 college women and 1 in 16 college men are victims of sexual assault while an estimated 80% of college campus rapes go unreported. Dutchess County is partnering with Family Service to expand to a countywide Sexual Assault Response Team (SART). SART will coordinate efforts to assist victims, educate communities and provide active services on our college campuses.

HELPING DUTCHESS COUNTY RESIDENTS

Dutchess County Helpline: Toll Free (877) 485-9700 or Text DMH to 741 741

Department of Community & Family Services: (845) 486-3000

Child Abuse Hotline: Toll Free (800) 342-3720

Rape Crisis / Crime Victim Services: (845) 452-7272

GOVERNMENT SERVICES & SAFETY

A red snowplow is shown clearing a snowy road. The plow is moving from right to left, pushing a large pile of snow. The background is a snowy, hazy landscape.

DUTCHESS READY: Plan. Prepare. Respond.

298,903 Calls Received

165,079 Emergency Services Dispatched

It's impossible to predict the next emergency or disaster. Through training and education, we can plan and prepare to better respond. In 2015, we will assist residents to better equip themselves to handle emergencies with the upcoming Citizen Preparedness Program. We will continue to work with municipal officials, offering educational opportunities to ensure they are ready when Mother Nature strikes or a crisis occurs. There will be multiple new training opportunities for first responders, including Emergency Management and Large Scale Incident Management. Additionally, we will evaluate improvements to our countywide two way radio communication and will complete the Regional Hazard Mitigation Plan, an action plan to reduce or eliminate risk to human life and property from natural hazards, such as flooding.

KEEPING ROADS CLEAR, SAFE & MAINTAINED

153 Bridges

395 Miles of Road

In 2015, over \$26 million, including state and federal aid dollars, will be invested in our infrastructure assets. With the support of the Dutchess County Legislature, we will work to ensure the infrastructure that keeps our residents connected and economy moving forward is safe and well maintained, including maintenance and replacement of aging bridges and continuation of our annual pavement management program for county roadways. Important projects including the final design of the Harlem Valley Rail Trail connection and the reconstruction of Crum Elbow Road (CR41) in Hyde Park will also begin in 2015.

DUTCHESS COUNTY JUSTICE & TRANSITION CENTER

Through a comprehensive and thoughtful process, we are addressing the long standing and costly issue of housing out inmates. Temporary housing units (PODS) have been constructed as a short-term solution and in March, inmates will return to Dutchess County where they will have access to critical programs and services to help reduce recidivism and drive down the cost to taxpayers. Together, county officials, criminal justice experts from across the nation, as well as community members are engaged in providing a comprehensive and holistic long-term solution to this issue—the development of the Dutchess County Justice & Transition Center. We invite you to learn more at dutchessny.gov/dcjtc.

But what if we can keep people from going to jail in the first place, particularly those with mental illness? Following a best practice model from Bexar County, TX, we will move forward with Crisis Intervention Training (CIT) for all local law enforcement to help them better interact with mentally ill individuals, de-escalating the situation and diverting them to where they can receive help. With the new Criminal Justice Council Diversion Committee, we are working to create a Restoration Center, a separate facility with mental and physical health services where individuals can be diverted away from the jail and into treatment instead.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY:

4RFuture : Reform, Retain, Reinvest, Recruit

We are streamlining our economic development apparatus with the dissolution of the Dutchess County Economic Development Corporation and the reorganization of the Industrial Development Agency with guidance from the Dutchess County Economic Development Advisory Council.

With a \$250,000 targeted marketing campaign, we are focused on filling vacant commercial and industrial space to attract new jobs and investment.

Tourism and agriculture continue to provide economic success. Local farms are offering more products than ever by capitalizing on niche markets such as the growing spirits industry. These agribusiness efforts are attracting visitors from far and wide, with more than \$485 million in visitor spending and \$28 million in tourism sales tax revenue.

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DISTINCTLY DUTCHESS 2015:

June 8th	KFEST at Dutchess Stadium
June 13th	Walkway Marathon
June 22nd	HV Renegades Opening Night
July 10-12th	DCRCOC Balloon Festival
July 25th	Dragon Boat Race & Festival
July 26th	Harlem Valley Rail Ride
Aug 21st - 23rd	Wings of Freedom at Dutchess County Airport
August 25th - 30th	Dutchess County Fair
Sept 12-13th	Hudson Valley Wine & Food Festival
December 5th	Sinterklaas

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